
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6455

AN ACT CREATING THE CONNECTICUT MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT.

SUMMARY:

This bill establishes a medal of achievement to be awarded to any Connecticut National Guard member for outstanding achievement or meritorious service during military service ordered by the governor, including state service, federal service, and emergency service in other states.

The bill requires the adjutant general to appoint and work with two officers of field grade (i.e., the rank of major in the Army, Air Force, and Marines) or above to select medal recipients from recommendations made through military channels. For subsequent awards, recipients receive a bronze oak leaf cluster. They may wear a silver oak leaf cluster in place of three bronze oak leaf clusters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Medals, Awards, and Ribbons

The state awards the following decorations and awards to state armed forces members, including National Guard members:

1. long service medal,
2. medal of valor,
3. medal of merit,
4. emergency service awards,
5. outstanding unit awards,

6. selected reserve force awards,
7. service ribbons for military operations after september 11, 2001,
8. ribbons and medals for veterans who served in time of war, and
9. achievement ribbons.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)